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DUXBURY MAN DESIGNS BOAT



Those who frequent Duxbury's waterfront have probably noticed and wondered about a unique long, narrow outboard boat painted blue, white and red. Its story can now be told. It is an experimental boat designed and built by Bob Whittier, who lives at the corner of Indian Trail and Old Colony.

Bob, who has been a boating writer for many years, has been testing the craft extensively for three years. It is a simple but imaginative approach to overcoming the outboard boat's problems of pounding, pitching, swerving and porpoising on choppy and rough water.

Called the Seamaster--this name has been registered with the U.S. Patent Office--its long, narrow hull naturally planes at a flatter-than-normal attitude. This shifts the point of contact between hull and waves well forward, eliminating the usual vicious hammering under the seats. When accelerating or cruising at reduced speed the bow does not rise high in the air; visibility is better and the craft is more manageable when slowed down on rough water. These are but two of some 25 points of superiority over craft of conventional proportions, the designer says. Stability is not merely adequate, it is surprisingly high due to correct design.

Last August the Whittiers trailered the boat to Ontario where it was demonstrated to the boating press at the Mercury outboard firm's annual press meeting. Experts at that meeting like it so much many encouraged Whittier to get it into production. Therefore, an improved all-fiberglass version of the boat will soon be on the market. Arrangements have been made to have finished boats turned out by a fiberglassing firm in the New Bedford area, with Mr. Whittier handling promotion and sales from Duxbury.

Within a month one of these new boats will be operating as a demonstrator on Duxbury waters, so watch for it!
